



HIGHLIGHTS

- Year 1** Sociology of Families
- Year 2** Class and Status in Black American Life
- Year 3** Immigrants and Immigration in the 21st Century
- Year 4** What Makes Us Sick? Social Determinants of

Introduction to the Major

Sociologist C. Wright Mills said that “neither the life of an individual nor the history of a society can be understood without understanding both.”

Whether on Clark’s campus or in communities around the world, social dynamics impact each of our lives in powerful and sometimes hidden ways. The study of social inequality is central to the Sociology major. The sociological lens acknowledges that race, gender, sexuality, and social class - as well as social dimensions such as time period and geographic location - shape our destinies as much as our own personal efforts. You will be part of a vibrant learning community where you can both satisfy your intellectual curiosity and make a commitment to change our world for the better.

CORE COURSES

You will study broad social processes including global dynamics, social movements, and immigration, and explore diverse institutions from the law and medicine to family and religion. You will also acquire analytical tools to enhance your understanding of the world. The eleven required courses within the department must include the following:

- Introduction to Sociology
- Classical Sociological Theory
- The Social Research Process
- Class, Status, and Power
- Capstone Seminar

“As a Puerto Rican woman, I am grateful to play a role in creating a community based on belonging.”

— ROSALIE TORRES STONE, RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENT’S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE



81%

are employed or continuing education six months post-grad.

SOCIOLOGY

Bachelor of Arts



DESIGN
YOUR
JOURNEY



**Explore
and navigate
Clark curriculum**



**Connect
and engage
with communities**



**Discover
and pursue
your passions**



**Develop
professional
skills**



**Reflect,
design
and plan**

YEAR

1

YEAR

2



□ **Explore the sociology department**

Enroll in a First-Year Intensive (FYI) course and Introduction to Sociology. Meet with the department chair or faculty to learn more about course offerings.



□ **Identify potential Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) courses**

How can these courses support your academic interests?



□ **Learn about campus resources**

Make an appointment with the Writing Center. Consult with a reference librarian.



□ **Attend campus talks and events**

Learn about national and international sociology organizations. Log in to Handshake to find career exploration events for all class years.



□ **Get connected**

Reach out to the Office of Community Engagement and Volunteering to learn about opportunities on campus and in the community.



□ **Explore off campus**

Learn about local organizations such as Pernet Family Health Services, AIDS Project Worcester, All Kinds of Girls (AKOG), and African Community Education. Think about similar institutions in your home community for future internship opportunities.



□ **Getting from here to there**

Look for a summer internship, job, or volunteer opportunity to gain experience and build professional skills. Meet with your career adviser to get started.



□ **Reflect on what sparks your interest**

What new interests have you discovered? What else do you want to explore?



□ **Dig in and define your interests**

Take Classical Sociological Theory and Social Research Processes, as well as electives for more specialized content.



□ **Declare your major**

Identify faculty members who share your interests and consider asking one to become your adviser. Speak to the department chair if you want help finding an adviser.



□ **Start networking**

Create a ClarkCONNECT profile and start meeting alumni in your areas of professional interest.



□ **Explore career pathways**

Attend a career fair during fall or spring to discover new organizations and the types of roles that they are hiring for. Connect with your career adviser to strategize and plan your search.



□ **Stay Engaged**

Get involved in student organizations and activities offered through the Student Leadership and Programming office.



□ **Look ahead**

Talk with your adviser about your academic plans. Will you study abroad? Are you interested in an Honors thesis?



□ **Reflect on your experiences**

What career options are you now considering that you want to test out? What questions do you still need to answer to determine your professional path?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Sociology graduates are well equipped for careers in publishing, social work, policy analysis, nonprofit management, marketing, research, law, education, and more.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Our alumni pursue graduate study at Boston University, the London School of Economics, Northeastern, University of Connecticut, Yale and other prestigious institutions.

YEAR 3



Plan for senior year and beyond

Notify the Graduate Office if you intend to apply for the advanced degree program (ADP).

Meet with your advisor to discuss electives and internships, and to plan for your capstone seminar or Honors thesis.



Hone your skills

Reassess your time management practices. Use course presentations to hone your speaking skills.



Engage your networks — on and off campus

Log in to Handshake to find career-related events connecting you to organizations and alumni. Discover professional development and networking events in your community.



Get out of here

Participate in a study abroad or study away program that matches your interests.

Apply for the Ross Social Justice Fellowship, which provides \$2,500 for a student to do an internship or research in a social justice organization.



Develop a professional resume

Work with the Career Connections Center (CCC) to polish your resume and upload to Handshake for review or visit the Career Lab in ASEC.



Build your portfolio

Pursue a ClarkCONNECT project to test-drive your skills and get additional resume-building experience. Design an independent project and explore potential funding sources through the Opportunity Funding office.



No regrets!

What's on your Clark undergraduate bucket list? Write about your interests, passions, and experiences. Develop new goals and plans!



Finish strong

Be sure to have completed all major core requirements and electives. Identify faculty who know you well and will serve as references or write letters of recommendation. Enroll in a Capstone Seminar.



Connect with alumni

Work through the CCC to schedule informational interviews. Use ClarkCONNECT to meet alumni and learn from their career journeys.



Share what you've learned

Apply to be a Peer Learning Assistant (PLA). Present your research, academic project, or internship work at ClarkFEST. Hone your presentation skills and celebrate your accomplishments.



Test-fly your career

Participate in a career trek to experience a day on the job and learn about a potential field of employment.



Get ready to launch

Update your resume, cover letter, and LinkedIn profile. Learn how to demonstrate personal qualities such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative.



Ask the big questions

Reflect on your intellectual growth and how you have changed. What have you learned that you value? Are there traits in others you want to nurture in yourself?



Light your path

Create a post-Clark transition plan, with alternative possibilities. Keep building on what excites you!

YEAR 4



AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR!

At Clark, your sociology education extends beyond the classroom.

The sociology major is designed to help you learn outside the classroom and find ways to put your passions to good use. Co-curricular activities often spring from our students' commitment to social justice, including service-learning work.

Concentrate or minor in an interdisciplinary program such as Africana Studies, Comparative Race and Ethnicity Studies, Genocide and Human Rights, Health, Science and Society, and Women's and Gender Studies.

CONNECT WITH US!

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Advising

We are here to support your academic journey.

In your first year at Clark, you will be assigned an adviser to help you select your courses and programs. Once you declare your major, sociology faculty will advise you.

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